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JCJC to ban smoking

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Beginning July 2012, Jones County Junior College will completely ban smoking on campus.

The decision to become smoke free made by the Student Government Association all started two years ago with the "Clear the Air" campaign that was put into action by then SGA President Lexi Bowen. This campaign restricted all on-campus smoking to curbed parking lots only. This year, Katie Folkes, the new SGA president, has continued with the effort to make JCJC a completely smoke-free campus. The motto for the campaign is "We don't want to choke, so please don't smoke."

Colleges across the nation are changing policies to provide a smoke free campus to both faculty and students. JCJC has begun changing its rules to provide such an environment as well; however, while many students welcome the chance for completely smoke-free air not all students are enthused about the changes.

Brittany Richards, a freshman at JCJC and nonsmoker, said that she opposes making the entire campus smoke free. "I think it's a bad idea personally," she said. "By making the whole campus smoke free they're just going to make students who do smoke feel discriminated against. They have designated smoking areas for a reason, and I avoid these areas."

On Jan. 25, the organization Smokefree Air Mississippi presented to students some reasons cigarette smoke harms both people and the environment. Smokefree Air Mississippi said in their presentation that Mississippi suffers an average of 550 deaths a year from secondhand cigarette smoke alone. Along with deaths from secondhand smoke, many non-smoking Mississippians may also suffer from problems ranging from high blood pressure to lung cancer. Smokefree Air Mississippi also said

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Cheree' Albritton, a representative from Smokefree Air Mississippi, spoke to Jones students about the dangers of second-hand smoke. A new policy banning smoking on the campus will take affect July 1, 2012. PHOTO BY TERESA MARTIN

La Von Jones and David Townsend offer JCJC students the opportunity to discover their grip strength as well as their body mass index at the JCJC student health fair. PHOTO BY TERESA MARTIN

Fair shares healthy tips

CHANING GREEN
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 26, the Student Success Center in the library held the first Jones County Junior College Health Fair for students.

The event was organized by Student Success Center program coordinator, Cynthia Bush. Bush began planning the event in September and reached out to local hospital South Central Regional Medical Center for assistance with making her idea into a reality. With the close cooperation of SCRMC nurse Karen Vanderslice, over the course of months, the pair managed to bring the project off paper and onto the JCJC campus.

The health fair consisted of several differently-themed tables set up with the sole purpose of giving students the opportunity to become informed and educated about health problems many college students face every day. There was a table at the health fair that informed students of the dangers of smoking and binge drinking, giving students real-life depictions of diseased lungs and damaged livers. There was a table that included pamphlets and

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JCJC names HEADWAE recipients

Daniel Anderson and Rhonda Roberts are this year's recipients of the HEADWAE award. PHOTO BY DANIEL COOK

CASSIE DIMAURO
STAFF WRITER

Rhonda Robertson, a Jones County Junior College chemistry instructor, and Daniel Anderson, a chemistry engineer major, are the recipients of our college's Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) award.

Mississippi Legislative rewards academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions with HEADWAE award annually to those

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Campus returns to its roots with new cattle farm

TIFFANY ODOM
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It is predicted that by 2035, world food production must double to stay at the volume produced today. Presently, one in four people go to bed hungry, but Jones County Junior College is working to help make those numbers smaller.

"The plan is to get back to our roots because JCJC started as an agricultural high school, and we saw a tremendous need for this kind of instruction," said Tim Ishee, agricultural science instructor and cattle farm director. The plan came together at the start of JCJC's 100th year anniversary.

The idea behind the project is to produce more food for more people and to teach the students high levels of technology so they will be better prepared to go to universities to become veterinarians and animal scientists.

"The only way we'll keep the fight [against hunger] going is to train people in agricultural sciences," said Ishee.

At the end of the 2011 spring semester, JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith asked Ishee to start a cattle farm.

"We are performing embryo

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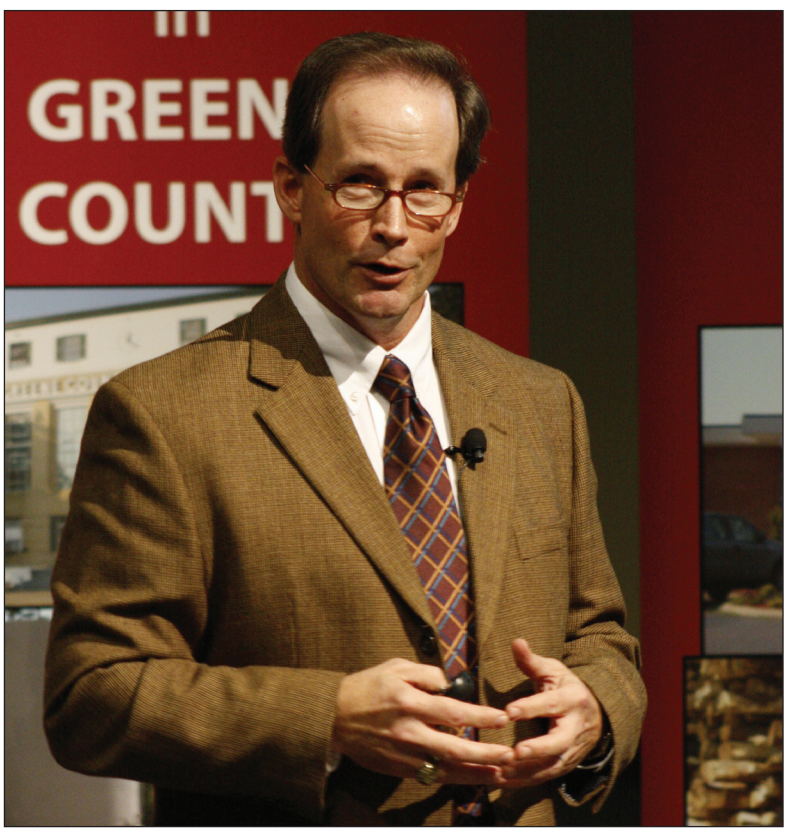

Tim Ishee discusses agricultural advances during the 2012 Economic Symposium. PHOTO BY KATIE QUINNELLY

Texting and driving simulator teaches students to "Arrive Alive"

NIKKI SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Students at JCJC learned the dangers of drunk driving and texting while driving at the Arrive Alive Tour on campus Feb. 22. Over 277 students visited the booth.

The program allowed students to sit in a simulator resembling a vehicle. Once inside, students were given goggles to wear while they attempted a driving simulation. Many students only lasted a few seconds before they crashed.

The settings on the simulator were only showing what would happen after four drinks. Many people think that after a few drinks one is able to drive, but the simulation shows otherwise.

"The simulator was an eye-opener. It definitely encouraged me not to drink and drive," said JCJC student Taylor Corley.

The Arrive Alive booth also showed videos of what could happen if one texts while driving.

"It is dangerous, but it is so easy to reach down and send a text even when you know you should not," said Kayla Ivey, another student at JCJC.

The videos portrayed the horrible accidents that can take place after one glance at a cell phone. The horror students felt as they watched the videos of the wrecks was written all over their faces. Many students admitted to texting while behind the wheel.

Ivey and Corley agreed that the simulator encouraged students not to drink and drive and should cause everyone to think before they get behind the wheel. The program urged all students to "arrive alive, don't drink and drive."

Government changes Financial Aid rules

Trevor Gray
NEWS EDITOR

Jennifer Suber, JCJC director of Financial Aid, describes this year's changes to the Pell Grant. Photo by Thomas Roney

The government has made tweaks to college Financial Aid requirements, affecting students across the country. These changes come as a cut-back on Pell Grants for college students as well as different procedures one must follow to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Pell Grant is a Federal grant a student may receive by completing the FAFSA. A federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. The maximum amount one could receive for a Pell Grant in the 2011-2012 award year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) was $5550; however, the actual amount of money one receives is contingent upon some factors: financial need, costs to attend school, status as a full-time or part-time student, and plans to attend school for a full academic year or less. At the end of school year, schools may redistribute

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Students VOICE opinions

Erin Howell
STAFF WRITER

Student VOICES is a new program comprised of community and junior college students from across the state with the goal of having their voices heard by law makers.

Their main objectives are made known in their name. Student VOICES stands for Voter registration for students; Organization for the political concerns of student bodies; Inspiration for students to be politically active; Creation of a community line between legislative and congressional members and students; Education of students about current legislation that affects them personally and scholastically; Service learning through a statewide network of civically engaged community college student citizens.

The program hopes to raise interest in politics among Mississippi's community and junior college students, not only on the state and local level, but nationally as well. It strives to make students aware that they are the future and have a voice in government and the lawmaking process.

"My involvement with Student Voices most likely will remain one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career," said Jones Student VOICE delegate Kristin George. "On top of

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Honors students visit Washington D.C.

Honors Students pose with Congressman Greg Harper on steps of US Capitol. Photo Submitted Jason Dedwylder

Murphy Matthews
STAFF WRITER

A group of students from the Charles Pickering Honors Institute, led by Dr. Mark Taylor, Dr. Sam Jones, and Jason Dedwylder, recently toured Washington D.C.

The students were able to see historical sites such as the Capitol, Jamestown and Yorktown. Other stops included a visit to the National Archives, the Smithsonian, and other famous memorials.

Sophomore Melanie Foreman went on the trip for the second year in a row, and she enjoyed it just as much the second time around.

"I thought the trip was very well-planned and we made good use of our limited time. It was a lot of fun, but it was also very educational and enlightening," said Foreman.

Dr. Sam Jones always looks forward to the trip for many reasons.

"It's important that students get out of their comfort zone to try new and different things, and it's important that they get some basic understanding of the importance of the nations' capital," said Jones.

In their quest to learn more

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Nonsmoking

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that more than the citizens of the state are affected by smoking: the economy of Mississippi is directly affected as well. The treatment of tobacco-related diseases costs Mississippi $264 million each year in direct Medicaid costs. This averages to about $1.04 for every pack of cigarettes bought by tax payers. Smoking is estimated to cost businesses in Mississippi $1.4 billion annually in lost productivity: the five and ten minute smoke breaks employees take add up to several hours over the course of one year.

Smokefree Air Mississippi did relay some positive news in terms of colleges who go smoke free.

Mississippi colleges may now apply for mini-grants--$2500 to $5000—to assist with the implementation of comprehensive smoke free or tobacco free ordinances. So far, over 40 cities in Mississippi have included smoke free policies including Hattiesburg in 2007 and Laurel in 2009.

JCJC plans to encourage students to cease smoking on campus with the use of a silent film that will be shown on television screens across campus. The film stars students from the college and illustrates the dangers of smoking in a lighthearted way.

The level of smoking among adults in Mississippi (18 and older) is down statistically: 78% of Mississippi adults claim they do not smoke and 77.7% of Mississippi voters (both smoking and non smoking) favor a state law that prohibits smoking in most indoor places.

Smokefree Air Mississippi said that smoking is a privilege, but breathing clean air is a right granted to all people.

The presenters of the Smokefree Air Mississippi slideshow were Langston Moore, program director, and Cheree' Albritton, field coordinator. Moore and Albritton may be reached by their emails: Langston.moore@smokefreeairms.com and cheree.albritton@

JCJC holds annual black history month presentation

Trevor Gray
NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 7, Jones County Junior College presented a Black History Month program for students. The Rev. Leander Bridges, pastor of Springhill Baptist Church in Ellisville, MS, was the keynote speaker for this event.

After an invocation, JC Voices performed for the audience. After JC voices, Leander Bridges II, son of Rev. Leander Bridges, conducted two songs with the Laurel High School Gospel Choir, an ensemble consisting of 37 students. Bridges has conducted the LHS Gospel Choir for six years.

Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Samuel Jones, introduced Bridges II and gave some insight into Black History. Jones began by saying "A Black History accomplishment is an American accomplishment."

After the performance, Bridges II introduced his father by saying "His desire is simply to impact others," and "He inspired me to name my son Leander Bridges III."

As Bridges took the podium, he named several people that were important in his life including his mother, wife, daughter and grandson.

Bridges then began his speech with "Inspiring greatness begins with you." He explained what exactly the words "inspire" and "great" mean: Inspire comes from French and means "to breath into." Bridges said that this meant to give life to or set in motion. The next word, "great," meant to go above and beyond the standard. Bridges said that by Inspiring Greatness, students are setting in motion an endeavor to rise above mediocrity.

After the explanation of inspire and great, Bridges told the audience how to be remarkable.

He began his 10 reasons on how to become remarkable with two words: "Educate Yourself." He also said "If you think you know everything there is to know; tell someone else."

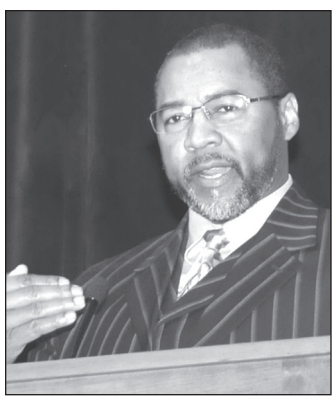
Bridges said that education is everything.

Bridges continued with his ways of becoming remarkable with advice like "Learn from your mistakes and the mistakes of others," and "Stay dedicated."

For the second point, Bridges said that one should continue after failure.

"Don't wallow in your pity," Bridges said "don't succumb to defeat, don't roll over and play dead."

The next point for the program was that people should



Reverend Leander Bridges speaks at Black History Presentation. Bridges is a Pastor at Springhill Baptist. Photo by Teresa Martin

learn from their mistakes and learn from the mistakes of others. "A wise man learns from his mistakes, but a truly wise man learns from the mistakes of others and does not commit them. One people must learn from the mistakes of

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Cattle

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transfer in order to get a lot of calves from just two genetically superior females, Lana and Bola," said Ishee.

The mother cows are Red Angus, a very good breed of cattle weighing over 1,500 lbs. Eggs are fertilized in the cow through artificial insemination, then flushed out as fertilized embryos at day seven. Every 60 days the mother cows are "flushed" for eggs.

The fertilized egg is placed in one of 26 surrogate cows with the number of surrogates expected to grow with time. The conception rate is about 60%.

"We put in seven embryos in the first flush and will get three babies in the Fall. We are getting ready to flush again and hope to get between 7-14 good embryos," Ishee said.

Conducting the embryo transfers is Dr. Trey Chapman, DVM, a former JCJC student who is a reproductive physiologist.

JCJC's agricultural science department rented a farming space to start the project but is currently working to finish a home farm on campus. Approximately 150 acres have been cleared for the new cattle farm on campus, which will be located behind the football field. The farm is projected to be finished by midsummer.

Besides putting a dent in the number of estimated hungry people, hopes are that the cattle project increases agricultural science enrollment at JCJC. Since JCJC is the only junior college in the country to start this program, it is estimated to bring students from Louisiana, Florida and Alabama. JCJC also eventually expects international visitors to observe the process.

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NTSA schedules speakers for spring

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STAFF WRITER

The Nontraditional Student Association has scheduled speakers to conduct a variety of workshops for nontraditional students throughout the semester. These workshops are meant to help students in areas of study and every day success.

"I love these students and I want to help them achieve success," said Diane Williams, director of NTSA, regarding her reasoning for hosting the workshops.

JCJC exercise physiologist Lavon Jones spoke to students Jan. 18 in the Nontraditional Student Success Center. The workshop, titled "What's Your Number?" discussed how to achieve each student's ideal BMI, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol numbers.

"Wellness gives a sense of belonging, belonging leads to social engagement, which further leads to persistence (in the classroom)," said Williams.

Williams presented an informative program on Feb. 8, called "Laughing 'Till the Cows Come Home." This was a stress management workshop to help her students learn to relax and manage stress.

As the semester is winding down, Williams has two more workshops scheduled. On March 7, NTSA plans to have Amy Hinton host a resume workshop followed by Williams hosting an attitude workshop on February 18. She will focus on helping her students achieve positive attitudes in school and their day-to-day lifestyles.

"And that's what the

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who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence.

Sixty-eight outstanding students and faculty members from 34 of Mississippi's public and private colleges and universities will be honored during the 25th Annual Higher Education Day. The State Legislature will formally recognize these students in Jackson Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the State Capitol.

The goal of the Appreciation Day is to encourage excellence among those involved in higher education as a way to further leadership, increase knowledge across the broad spectrum of education, and promote good citizens capable of thriving in today's society and today's challenges.

Robertson has been a faculty member in the chemistry division of Jones for 20 years.

"I have a passion for students and for teaching chemistry. I strive to make a difficult subject understandable and to instill in my students an appreciation of how chemistry affects their lives every day," she said. "Considered by the quality of this award, I'm truly honored."

Daniel Anderson has served as an officer for PTK, as well as a member of the honors college and Mu Alpha Theta. He is also a part of the engineer society and a former member of the Maroon Typhoon.

"I'm honored. I feel that this is the administration supporting me to move forward," said Anderson.

Student aid should not be a crutch

Seth Houston
OPINIONS EDITOR

My parents were never great sugar-coaters. They made it clear that they couldn't help me pay for college and told me that I had two options: Study hard and get scholarships, or work hard and make the money myself. They never mentioned federal aid.

For students who were counting on financial aid to get them through college, these are hard times.

Federal Student Aid has tightened its eligibility requirements, which means that more and more students are getting less and less aid. On top of the new restrictions, a record 21 million-plus students applied for aid in the 2011 school year. That's a 49 percent increase from 2009.

Even more unfortunate for Mississippi students is that the state doesn't plan on picking up the slack. Governor Phil Bryant's recently proposed budget does not include an increase in financial aid.

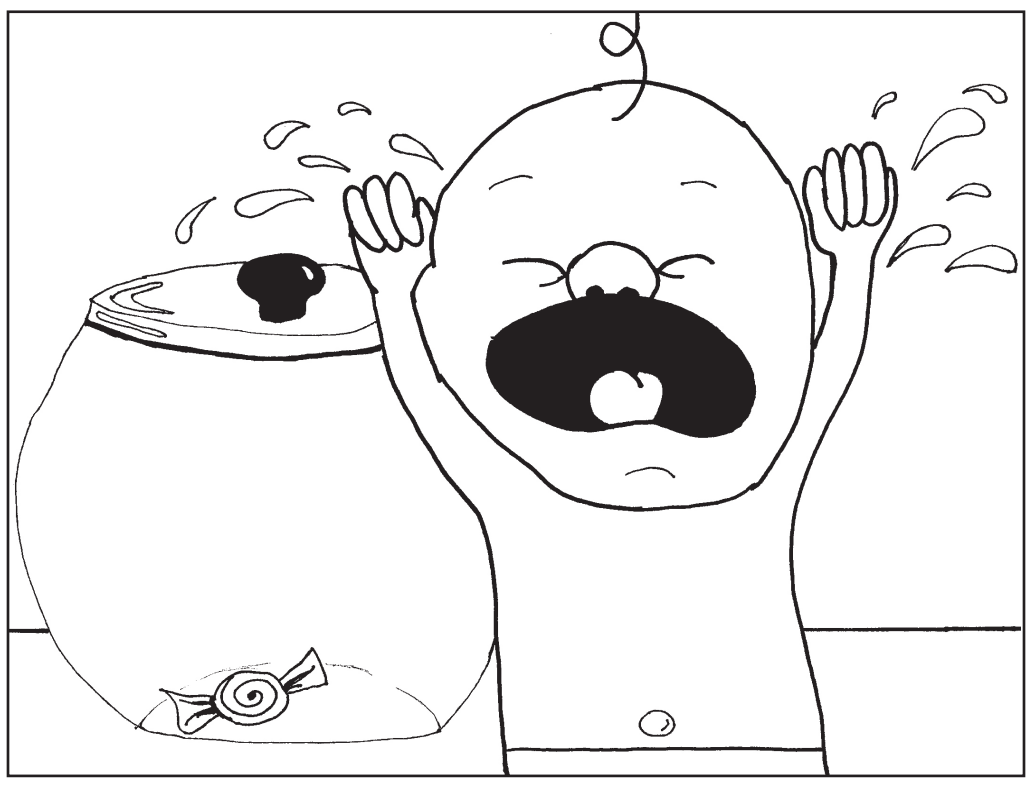
Students are predictably upset. The unexpected disappearance of thousands of dollars is a huge blow to the plans of many.

However, anger over the sudden loss of aid is unjustified. Government benefits are not guarantees, just bonuses. Think of it like this: Suppose you had a relative who gave you money every year for Christmas. Let's say she fell on hard times and couldn't give you anything this year. Would you be mad at her? You couldn't be, at least not reasonably.

The idea of student aid itself is controversial, especially to the ones who are paying for it. Many question the ethics of taking money away from productive taxpayers and giving it to wishy-washy students, especially when almost half of them will end up dropping out of college, according to the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

The root of the problem lies in the assumption that we deserve money just for choosing the noble path of higher education. Students think that the high road should be the easy one, but that has never been the case.

In reality, the collegiate path requires us to choose one of two options: Study hard or work hard. Easy has nothing to do with it.



Cartoon by guest artist Anna Beth Houston

Evaluating by appearance

Kristin Blair
STAFF WRITER

Why is it that appearance seems to define who you are and not what your personality is?

What people wear defines their uniqueness and sets them apart from the rest of society, but people seem to judge too much based upon it. If a girl wears mini-skirts, she is labeled a whore by society, and if a guy has multiple facial piercings, he is seen as a punk that's into the wrong things. It's ridiculous to assume that someone wearing jeans and a polo is going to shoot someone in a mall, so why is it safe to automatically assume that someone wearing all black will plant a bomb in a school?

No one really stops to think that the person they are judging may actually be an extremely nice person that just likes to dress differently. Even some people who claim that they love and accept everyone due to their religion admit that they are scared by people who look and dress differently than they do. The fact that people think this way is outrageous. By choosing to be and look different and retain their individuality, people can affect the way others view them, the way people treat them and even their job careers. This is unfair to anyone who wants to be different rather than following the crowd.

This way of thinking is apparent around us everywhere we go and even exists in the music industry. Some bands, such as the Black Veil Brides, have been viewed as satanic, evil and demonic purely on how they choose to look. Wearing chains, war paint, leather, and having long hair and piercings have become the band's signature look, but their lyrics hold absolutely no trace of hate or animosity but advocate acceptance and equality instead. Upon being interviewed, they admitted that they only liked the way it looked to dress in chains in studs and it in no way defined their religious beliefs.

Teenagers are probably the most creative people there are, but even growing up they have limits on how they can express their individuality. Schools have strict limitations on things such as what bands' shirts you can wear, what color hair you can have, what piercings you can have, and many other things that have absolutely no effect on learning. Some rules that school boards place into effect have valid reasons to exist. Many school boards realize things such as length of skirts and shirts can hinder young minds when it comes to learning; therefore, length regulations are enforced. Other rules have no valid reason to exist and they simply suppress the individuality of the world's youth. Schools claim that dressing differently can offend others and distract children from learning. I exceedingly disagree. When is the last time you heard of hair color taking away anyone's will to learn?

People need to focus on the real problems of the world. Instead of focusing on what hair color or piercing will distract students from leaning, schools should be trying to stop the bullying that goes on each day. Instead of people judging others just by what they see and what that person likes to wear, they should stop and get to know the truth behind them. Instead of suppressing individuality, the world should embrace it. It's a good thing to stand out and have creativity, because, without uniqueness, wouldn't the world just be boring and bland?

Gingrich not so great

Braden Atchley
STAFF WRITER

In 1962, Newt Gingrich married his high school geometry teacher at the age of 19. 17 years later, he served his wife divorce papers as she lay in a hospital bed battling cancer to marry the woman with whom he was having an affair. Then, in 1993 Gingrich began an affair with a woman that, seven years later, would become his third wife after asking his second wife for an open marriage (she refused) and then divorced her.

Though Newt Gingrich may be a despicable human being, the real issue is that of the general population. The fact that Newt Gingrich is one of the top G.O.P. frontrunners for the presidential nomination should even give die hard conservatives cause for concern. The man who wishes to instate a public policy of hiring poor children as janitors of their schools has a remote possibility of becoming the President of the United States of America.

Newt Gingrich's current rise in political steam is a symptom of the conservative itch. Not only wishing to depose Barack Obama, conservatives also wish to do so without one man they also distrust. Mitt Romney is seen as a flip flopper and a political moderate in conservative clothing, and too similar to Obama for Republicans' taste.

One man with clear ethical and near sociopathic issues is not uncommon, nor is he a danger to the state of the world. However, when that man has the backing of millions of Americans the issue becomes much more serious. Major support for the former Speaker of the House of Representatives means America's situation is dire.

Ultimately what Newt Gingrich's popularity points to is the obvious and vocal call for someone and something different, and not simply one group or individual to lose office. Americans wish for change and reform to the current political and civil system though they don't know what change in particular. There seems to be an aimless

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Pardons were callous and dangerous

Lyndsey Hughes
STAFF WRITER

Haley Barbour pardoned 200 prisoners, many who worked in the governor's mansion for a time. These prisoners were not just thieves, but rapists, child molesters, and murderers. There are many things wrong with what Barbour did.

He has worsened Mississippi's reputation and image. People in other states already believe people from Mississippi are unintelligent. What will they think now that our former governor pulled a stunt like this?

It was very careless, offensive, and inconsiderate to the families of the victims, and it is a potential threat to more families in the state. Many of the prisoners that Barbour has released have been men who murdered their wives or girlfriends. Sex offenders and rapists may see that they can commit a crime and be pardoned just for doing a little time working in the governor's mansion.

In my opinion, Barbour should not have been able to make such a drastic, last minute decision. But then again, this could have just been a publicity stunt to get the spot light back on him since he is no longer the governor of Mississippi. Regardless of the reason behind what he did, whether it was for publicity or the prisoners' payment for working in the mansion, Barbour was the leader of a state and was elected by the people in that state. Therefore, Barbour should have consulted those people before making such a huge decision. He has endangered the welfare of the people in Mississippi. For the families of the victims, he has done an injustice. There must be consequences for crimes, and Barbour is sending a message to all criminals saying it is okay when, in fact, it is not. I don't know what kind of person would, at the drop of a hat, release such violent people into the streets. It is scary to think that he has been pardoning prisoners throughout the time of his being governor, but 200 in less than a month is ridiculous.

Corinne Alexander Sampson from Madison, Mississippi said, "In 2008 alone, Barbour granted pardons to four domestic murderers." Hopefully, the outcry with this release will make it illegal for future governors to commit such careless, ruthless, and inconsiderate decisions.

Apathy: a U.S. epidemic

Daniel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Today in America we face an epidemic of intellectual apathy. There is more information available to the average person than ever before, but only a minority of Americans actually uses it. There are several ways to go about proving this. Among these are the average American's awareness of the world scene, accepted fallacies on the part of our politicians, and the decline in quality of education throughout the 20th century.

The average American should be better informed about the world scene. As a constitutional republic it is important for the citizenry to be aware of the events that we send our representatives to address. This is why it is important that the average citizen is aware of such tedious matters as the capital of Israel, which is Jerusalem and not Tel Aviv as many people that I have spoken to seem to think. This is not to say that Americans need to all be scholars, because the information is there at our fingertips if we would just use it when issues come up.

The dishonesty of politicians is encouraged when the constituency fails to properly educate themselves. Newt Gingrich claims to stand on the side of family values, but I need not continue on about the basic contradiction of a claim like that after two controversial divorces. A Democrat party example is easy to dredge up from the list that Al Gore accumulated between 1996 and 2000. At the 1996 Democratic National Convention, Al Gore gave an emotional speech about his sister's death from lung cancer after years of smoking, which was in 1984. The story was supposed to emphasize his dedication to the anti-smoking cause, but the contradiction came in 1988 when he solicited tobacco farmers and cigarette companies for money for his own tobacco farm as well as his bid for the presidency. George Burns described modern politics accurately with this famous line: "Acting is all about honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made." If they will use their dead relatives to dredge up support, why do we believe anything they say?

The decline of education can be summed up as the decline of independent reasoning. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the level of classroom technology was much lower and the math that is usually foregone until college was already being taught in middle school in some institutions. Today, many math books assume competency with and access to a decent calculator and do not emphasize written work. Math is considered by some to be the science of reason and this is why I cite this example. Our history books

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Recycling is important for students

Michael Dean
STAFF WRITER

Within the last few years we at JCJC have become more aware of the environmental footprint we are leaving behind and have begun a new campaign for recycling and reducing our waste. Together, Mr. Rick Youngblood, vice president for business affairs, and Mrs. Kelly Atwood, Radionian advisor, along with a dozen dedicated students created the ecoBobcats to lead the way in our efforts toward a better, cleaner tomorrow.

JCJC teamed up with Sumrall Recycling to kick off the campaign. Sumrall has provided us with bins to make recycling our waste easier; they have even given us enough bins to have one in every room, giving students and faculty constant access to recycling. The ecoBobcats have made a difference by promoting the campaign on and off campus, asking others to sign pledges to recycle, handing out stationary adorned with recycling logos, sorting through trash cans, and even performing plays for elementary students. The ecoBobcats continue to make strides daily to prevent recyclable materials from going out as waste. "We already benefit marginally, but we have barely scratched the surface of our recycling efforts," said Youngblood. "Our tipping fees have been reduced, and we are spending less staff time on garbage disposal."

Unfortunately though, many people are still unaware of the recycling efforts and worse yet some people just don't care or fail to see the importance of reducing our waste. Other problems the campaign has suffered are people placing non-recyclables into the bins. These are things like chewing gum and other food items, bottles and cans still containing soda or dip spit, styrofoam, used bandages with body fluids on them, and so on. There were signs above every bin that listed all items that can be recycled, but most of them have been removed.

The most-asked question about recycling is "Why?" and the answer is simple. The majority of items we throw away can still be reused in some way. The very definition of garbage is something that has lost its value or is otherwise worthless. But if a plastic bottle or bag can be reused then it still holds value, and that means that it isn't garbage at all. So in fact, recyclables are just materials waiting to be reused, hence the name. The worst aspect of this is that when we send these materials to a landfill they get buried under tons of real garbage and covered with dirt, making them ten times harder to retrieve. If we remember the law of conservation of matter, it states that no matter can be destroyed or created, which tells us that we are responsible for these materials, and once they are all used and discarded we will not get any more. Furthermore, when everything we ever use is buried in the Earth it destroys the environment.

"The more we recycle, the better the health of our planet, and there is only one planet in which we are just temporary

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TLC show to feature Cook

Kelsey Cook met fiance Matt Strickland while performing with Jones On Stage. PHOTO BY KRISTINA MITCHELL

KATIE QUINNELLY
FEATURES EDITOR

At Jones, relationships can either end or begin here, and sometimes they grow into something more. For one particular couple, their relationship change gave them the opportunity of a life time.

Kelsey Cook and Matthew "Matt" Strickland, both sophomores, met at JCJC and are now engaged. In addition, Kelsey was accepted and filmed for an episode of Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta.

Say Yes to the Dress, a show that airs on TLC, first began in New York City, and Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta is a spin off. On Say Yes to the Dress shows, brides from all over the country go to either Kleinfelds or Bridals by Lori to select their dream dress. They tell the bridal consultant their price range, the style of dress the bride prefers and other specific details. Based on that information, the bridal consultant will select multiple dresses. The brides then try on all the dresses and go out in front of the person they brought with them to decide why or why not that dress is or is not for her.

"I love Say Yes to the Dress and I am stoked to see Kelsey on there," said Brittany Richards, a freshman at JCJC. "I think it is amazing to have someone represent Mississippi, and the fact that she is a student at Jones is going to make the episode even better."

Cook and Strickland met briefly in April of 2010 at Jones

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Owners display petit fours. PHOTO BY KATIE QUINNELLY

HillStreet Bakery opens in Ellisville

AMANDA DECOSTA
STAFFWRITER

"I've always thought Ellisville needed a bakery like this," said Beth Henson, a local Ellisvillian, as she entered HillStreet Bakery at its Grande Opening Feb 4. "These cupcakes are gorgeous; I'm in love. This may become my regular place."

At 404 Hill Street in Ellisville, HillStreet Bakery is cozily tucked inside Touche' Gifts. The bakery is literally eye-candy. Take a peek through the gifts, jewelry, flip-flops and owl décor of Touche' for a few moments and the smells of warm, inviting rich frosted cupcakes, New Orleans-style pralines, and delicate petit fours are bound to take over. The square, frosted petit fours are Hill Street Bakery's signature delight.

"Petit fours are just my very favorite," said Katherine Jaquith, a nurse at Ellisville Clinic, as she walked out of Hillstreet Bakery after placing an order for two dozen petit fours. "Connie Firmin has been baking things for my employees and me for a long time. We all know her baking is amazing."

Connie Firmin, former JCJC employee and now owner of HillStreet Bakery, and Katie Parish—Firmin's niece-will be baking up goodies from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

"We really wanted to open at 7:30 a.m. so college kids can swing by for a breakfast cinnamon roll, and parents can grab a good cup of coffee before bringing their kids to school or heading off to work," said Firmin.

Parish said, "We're all a close French family from New Orleans. Connie and I have

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Patty Turner could be next Miss Mississippi

CHANING GREEN
STAFF WRITER

Patty Turner is an intelligent and motivated young woman who hopes to help as many people as she can as she competes in the 2013 Miss Mississippi pageant.

The JCJC sophomore and speech pathology major has been a drum major in the Maroon Typhoon Marching band since 2010 and has been playing the flute for nine years. Before attending JCJC, Turner attended Quitman High School and graduated with the senior class of 2010.

Turner first became interested in pageants eight years ago. She remembers watching her older sister's best friend participate in pageants and thought it would be exciting to try. In the past eight years she has competed in 12 pageants, winning many and placing highly in others. Turner said she gets her inspiration and support from to her mother, Linda Turner.

"She believes in me and helps me find courage when I need it the most," said Turner.

Pageants are not all about dressing up to feel pretty and receive awards. Turner explains that pageants have taught her much more about life than how to put on makeup and walk in heels. The pre-pageant interviews have taught her social skills and quick thinking; the health assessments have allowed her to better understand the importance of physical fitness; the stage has helped her develop poise and learn how to carry herself. Pageants have also helped her understand motivation and what it means to set a goal, strive for it, and not stop until it is achieved.

Patty Turner Headshot. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Years of competition have not only educated Patty Turner about herself, but of the world around her and the impact a single person can have. At the 2012 Miss Mississippi pageant Turner will be required to present a "platform" or an issue that a pageant contestant wants to raise awareness about. Turner's platform is the Got Food? campaign. The goal of the program is to raise awareness of the fact that many people in south Mississippi and all over the world often suffer from malnutrition due to extreme poverty that prevents them from obtaining nutrition or any food whatsoever.

"I want to help poverty-stricken people have easier access to healthier food options

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Samatha Landrum becomes Country Star

TIFFANY ODOM
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

At 13 years old, Jones County Junior College student Samantha Landrum knew she wanted to be a country music star. After attending a Keith Urban concert, she got into the car with her family and announced what she was sure she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

"I have always dreamed of being a singer, I know I am young, but it's what I want to do- I will do whatever it takes," said Landrum to her mother and father.

Landrum has since been asked by Alabama's Teddy Gentry to sing on a compilation album called "Teddy Gentry's- Best New Nashville."The album will be sold exclusively at all Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores nationwide.

Landrum was the youngest of 12 artists who performed at the Make a Wish Gala in Ohio at the Ohio Stadium. She also had the opportunity of being a part of the "Let us in-Nashville" Campaign. In tribute to Linda McCartney, a compilation album featuring names like Kenny Loggins, Phil Vassar, Chuck Wicks, Steel Magnolia and SHeDAISY was recorded. In November, a benefit concert was held at the Ryman, in downtown Nashville, in which Landrum was the

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Shop brings NYC style to Downtown Hattiesburg

AMANDA DECOSTA
STAFFWRITTER

Located at 138 East Front St. in Hattiesburg, Click Boutique and Gallery, also known as simply {Click}, owned by former New Yorkers Jason Le Viere and Adam Myrick, is a women's vintage clothing store.

{Click} sign in Downtown Hattiesburg. PHOTO BY KATIE QUINNELLY

"We try to be a lifestyle store, so we attempt to cover as many of {Click} girls' needs as possible. We carry clothing, small accessories, jewelry, soy candles, gifts, books and vintage handbags," said Viere.

Also found in {Click} is, JCJC sophomore, Kayla Gates' handmade, crocheted accessories.

Viere suggests that {Click} is much different than usual Southern Boutiques in more than just its appeal. Most stores are all about digging through racks and waiting for an employee to unlock the dressing room. "Our shops are friendly, affordable, and very interactive. When you visit our shops, you get the head to heels service."

{Click}'s door, open from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 p.m, on weekends, is covered in colorful words to remind the customer to "stay true to you."

"Our customers are already the {click} girl [when they walk in]; they do not need to become anything to fit in here. They already have everything they need to be beautiful—We are just here to help!" Myrick said.

{Click} offers fashion in an old-meets-new style from the antique markets of New York City to the chic shops in coastal Los Angeles. Updated weekly, each hand-selected, flown-in-fresh piece is an explosion of adventure ready to be boldly flaunted by a city slicker.

Being a city slicker is simple: sign up at www.popintotheshop.com to get the social-scoop via email inbox every Thursday of downtown Hattiesburg's happenings and hotspots. Becoming a city-slicker also gives you a chance to win a Kate Spade handbag and other clever sweepstakes! City Slicker also promotes the other local Hattiesburg attractions: A Gallery, McKenzie's on Main, Southbound Bagel, Brownstone's, Bianchi's Pizzeria, Southern Fried Comics, as well as many others.

Since Janurary 14, 2011, {Click} has spread dazzling fashion and support to local art, entertainment, and other shops--winning the 2011 Promotion of the Arts award from Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association.

Myrick and Viere said, "As

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Controversy: Reebok claims shoes tone muscles of wearer

MANDALYN DALTON
STAFFWRITER

As the name implies, toning shoes are supposed to increase muscle toning in all muscles linked with walking and running. Most people would rather wear a pair of toning shoes for the day than spend hours sweating in a gym.

With use of this shoe resulting in a loss of "2.5 percent body fat" over a period of just 12 weeks, according to Reebok's website, the toning shoe became an instant hit with both men and women everywhere.

A loss of 2.5 percent may not sound like much body fat in 12 weeks, but it is important to note the women in the study had not used a gym. When this and the fact that many find weight loss impossible even when sticking with a gym routine are taken into consideration, training shoes seem a no brainer because everyone wins.

Now some of the hype has died down and people are beginning to give feedback after long-term use of the Reebok toning shoes. The feedback, unfortunately for people who have bought these shoes

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Popular Exorcism movies. PHOTO BY TIFFANY ODOM

Hollywood still posessed with exorcisms

KIRSTIE LOWERY
STAFF WRITER

From some of the most terrifying films to Nicki Minaj's head-turning performance of "Roman Holiday" at the 2012 Grammys, it seems that one of tinseltown's most popular trends is none other than the devil himself.

On December 26, 1973, the film The Exorcist shocked and disturbed audiences. Adapted from a 1971 novel of the same name, the story centers around something moviegoers had not previously seen: a demonically-possessed 12-year-old girl. Directed by William Friedkin and adapted by William Peter Blatty, parts of the film and book were based on a 1949 exorcism performed on a young boy named Ronald Hunkeler by the Jesuit priest, Father William S. Bowdem. While the film received many mixed reviews, it almost instantly became a classic piece of horror movie history.

Through the years, The Exorcist was followed up by two sequels, such as The Exorcist II: The Heretic and The Exorcist III, and two prequels, Exorcist: The Beginning and Dominion:

Prequel to the Exorcist, as well as a made for television film, Possessed. Although the cast and crew of the Exorcist films suffered a great deal of misfortune while filming the movies, such as the deaths of six cast and crew members, actress Ellen Burstyn suffering a spinal injury, and an unexplained fire on the set, it wasn't long before other filmmakers in Hollywood caught on to the growing popularity of exorcism films.

Many films of the same

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The Hunger Games book series gains popularity

MANDALYN DALTON
STAFF WRITER

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins can be found in any store books are sold; however it is not in the section it should be in. An older gentleman suggested the book to me, making sure to clarify that he usually did not read books from the young adult genre. I was not even two pages in to the first chapter when I became so engrossed I could not put the book down.

The book is set in a future North America, only it is not the United States and Canada anymore. It is a new nation consisting of 12 districts run by the Capitol.

Katniss Everdeen is 16 years old when she is placed in the 74th Hunger Games. The Hunger Games are run by the Capitol on live television to all 12 districts where one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and 18 are chosen from each district.

The "tributes" are placed in an arena where they have to fight to the death until only one is left standing. This is hard for Katniss not only Ahumans was not in her nature, but the other "tribute" from her district was Peeta Mellark who recently proclaimed his love to Katniss.

Fighting for not only her life but Peeta's as well, Katniss always has to watch her actions

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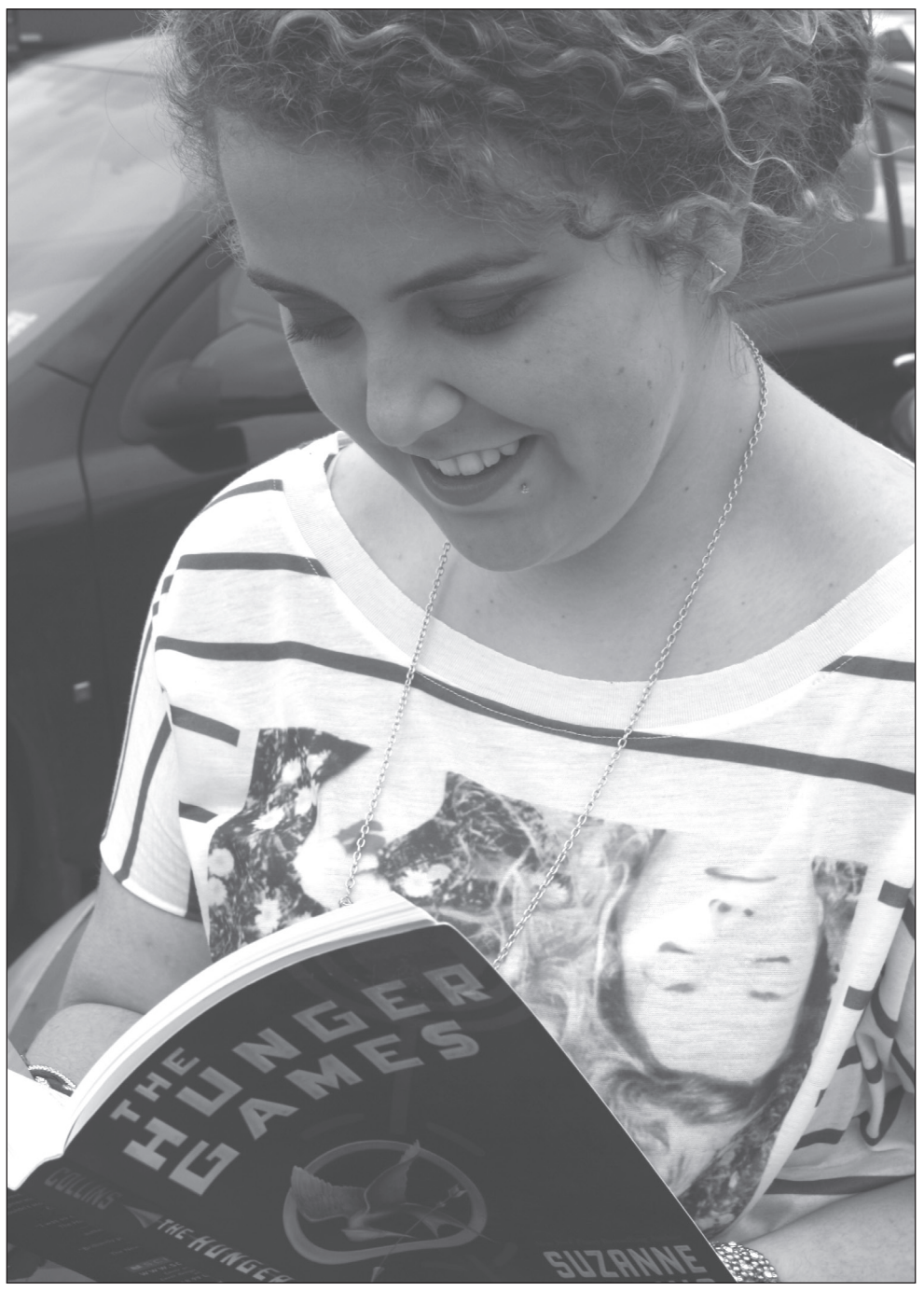

Student Kayla Sims prepares for the movie, which drops in March. PHOTO BY KATIE QUINNELLY

The Grammys upset metal fans

JOE POPE
STAFF WRITER

In 1989, the Grammys introduced the long-awaited and much-needed "Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance" award, thus formally bringing the genre into the forefront of mainstream music. The nominees for the inaugural award were "Crest of a Knave," by Jethro Tull; "….And Justice for All," by Metallica; "Nothing's Shocking," by Jane's Addiction; "Blow up Your Video," by AC/DC; and "Cold Metal," by Iggy Pop.

The award was controversially bestowed upon the flute wielding Jethro Tull who many did not consider hard rock or heavy metal. Metallica was the favorite for the award, and this has been considered one of the greatest Grammy upsets. Acceptance of the award was met with very loud "Boo's" and other jeers. Lead singer and flutist in question Ian Anderson remarked himself that he was "lucky" to have been absent and that there was "no way [he] could have accepted [the award] under those circumstances."

This was a misplaced award that has led many to believe the Academy is out of touch with popular sentiment. The following year the categories were separated, making hard rock and heavy metal two independent categories and awards.

Ironically enough, Metallica won the "Best Heavy Metal Performance" award the next three years for the song "One,"

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Students find body art meaningful

JCJC sophomore Haley Beasely shows off her tattoo in honor of her father, who is a pilot. PHOTO BY THOMAS RONEY

THOMAS RONEY
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

College is when most people decide to get a tattoo. Sometimes the tattoo is meaningful and sometimes it's chosen on the spot.

Some people believe that as long as the tattoo is beautiful it does not matter whether there is meaning behind the tattoo or not.

"I love all tattoos, if they are well done, meaningless or not," Jones freshman Apryl Thompson. Thompson has a tattoo that she recently got.

"My tattoo is a kite, and the tail spells out, 'go fly a kite.' It's a special phrase between my best friend/boyfriend, and as I get older it will always remind me of when we were young and fearless," said Thompson.

Another Jones freshman, Haley Beasley, also recently received some body ink.

"My tattoo is a paper airplane. My dad is a pilot and he is pretty much in love with flying, so I thought this would be a good way to express the respect I have for my dad," she said. Beasley also stated her opinion on whether or not a tattoo should have meaning.

"Personally I would never get a meaningless tattoo. I think that there are some that people get because they like it and turn out okay. I just don't know why you would want to permanently mark your body with something that doesn't mean anything," Beasley said.

There are some people who want a tattoo, but they are too afraid that they will regret it later in life.

"Sure people get tattoos they regret, but I hope one

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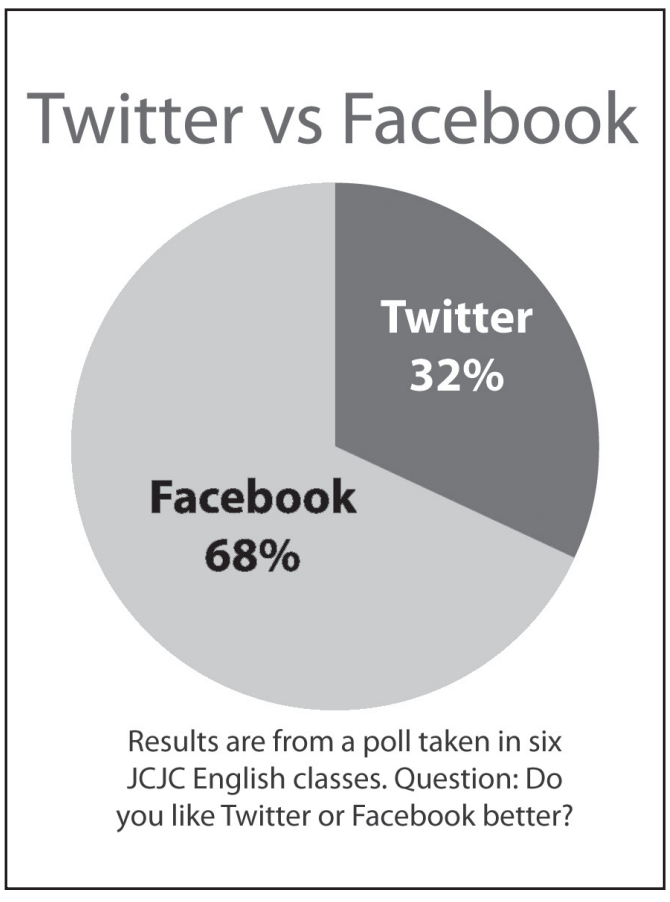
Facebook and Twitter still battling for title of favorite social media site


Twitter vs Facebook
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Results are from a poll taken in six JCJC English classes. Question: Do you like Twitter or Facebook better?

TIFFANY ODOM
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Since the fall of Myspace, Facebook has been the most popular social media site. At the beginning of 2011, it was said that if Facebook were a country it would be the third most populated in the world. The closest social media site to Facebook is Twitter with 200 million users to the over 500 million that Facebook has.

Facebook has been in the lead of the social media race for years. Most college-aged students have over 1,000 friends on the site, and in the past few years, the same has been true for older generations. It is nearly impossible to meet someone who cannot be later added as a Facebook friend.

In the fall of 2011, Facebook decided to change up their game a bit by introducing their new "timeline." The Facebook timeline has kept the progressive users on their toes and allowed the more conservative users to keep their profiles the same if they so wished.

Before Twitter started to grow rapidly, businesses tended to stick with Facebook, but now more businesses and organizations are also deciding to go with Twitter. Businesses see Twitter as gold since Retweets (RTs) are not an unusual occurrence on Twitter. Retweets allow the user to repost a tweet on their own Twitter account. Facebook users have a similar option with "sharing," but it is not done as often, and unlike RTs that can be tweeted repeatedly for days, sharing only allows the post to be seen on the sharer's Facebook wall after a few hours depending on other friend's updates on the newsfeed.

One reason Twitter proves to be very addictive to users is the high number of anonymous accounts that tweet for the entertainment of various groups of people. There is an account for all interests, whether users are college students interested in @collegeproblem, or JCJC's own @jcjcproblems; a Southern belle entertained by @classinthesouth or @A_Southern_Lady or an athlete who relates to @Baseballproblem or @BballProblemz. (A "problem" on Twitter is something that is relatable to a wide range of people. An example of a "college problem" would be having a research paper due on Fat Tuesday.) While Facebook has profiles for different interests as well, there are usually fewer posts to read on the interest since most Facebook users get annoyed by overly frequent status updaters. On Twitter it is common to tweet more than once a day.

Like Facebook, Twitter users have the option to tag there friends in posts using an @ symbol followed by the friend's username. Then to express what one really means in a tweet, users can hashtag: #HashtagsCanMakeATweet Clearer.

Most faithful Twitter users were once only Facebookers; now the times are changing, and people need all types of social media accounts in their lives if only to keep up with the rest of society. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr and YouTube are must-haves in today's fast-pace, technologically savvy world.

By the way, is it acceptable to hashtag in a newspaper article? Hmmm, #ModernDayJournalist Problems?

Perkins era begins at JCJC

Perkins stands near the trophy case at the JCJC field house. He started his time as the Bobcat head football coach in January 2012. Photo by Acie Smith

Acie Smith
SPORTS EDITOR

This semester has brought a new face to Bobcat football. Coach Ray Perkins was recently named head coach of the Bobcats after coach Eddie Pierce stepped down after the Fall 2011 season.

"My goal is to put players in a position so that they can reach their best playing level possible," said Perkins.

Not only does Perkins know how to coach the game of football, he also has personal experience. Perkins played on three SEC championship teams under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama from 1964-66 and two national championship teams during those years. After his college career Perkins was drafted by the Baltimore Colts where he played for five consecutive years.

Prior to becoming head coach of the JCJC Bobcats, Perkins was an assistant coach for Mississippi State University, New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns. Perkins was offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers and the Oakland Raiders.

Perkins has held head coach titles for the NewYork Giants, University of

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Bobcat baseball eyes state title

Zac Chamblee
STAFF WRITER

The pleasant temperatures, freshly cut grass, and the aroma of barbecue signify the inevitable opening pitch. Baseball, our national pastime, is the epitome of America's backbone.

The 2012 JCJC baseball season has arrived, and this year's team has unfinished business to attend to. The 2011 season was a historic season for JCJC athletics. Exhibiting an abundance of determination, the team won a second straight south division crown, the MACJC state championship, and the school's first Region 23 title. The Bobcats eventually reached the NJCAA Division II World Series in Enid, Oklahoma. The squad finished second after boasting an incredible 46-17 record. The expectations for the 2012 season are high for Bobcat fans.

Christian Ostrander is entering his fourth season as

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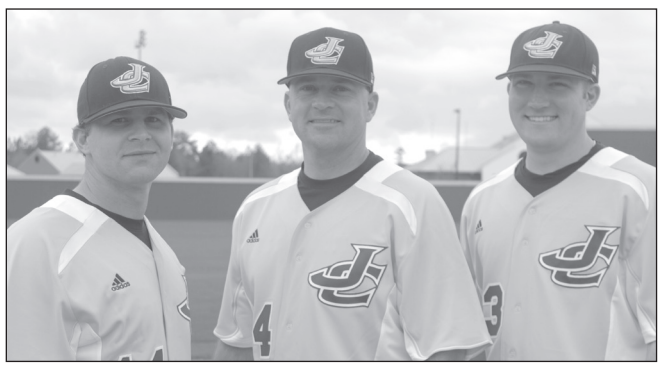
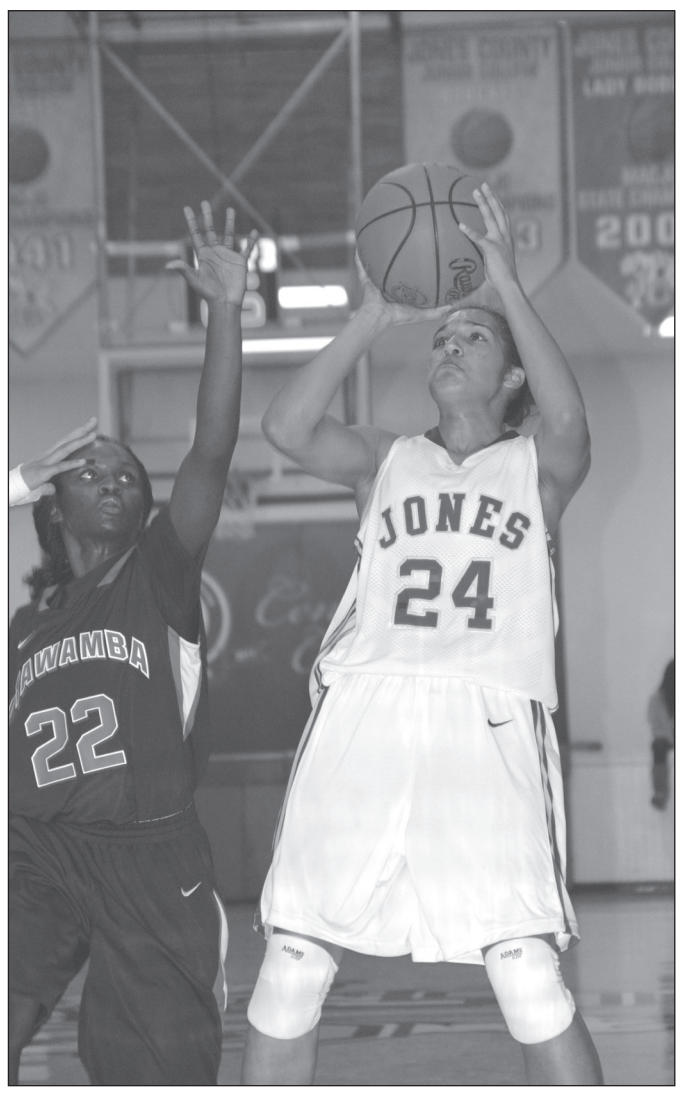


Above, from left to right, assistant coach Eric Patten, head coach Christian Ostrander and assistant coach Chris Kirtland. Below, the 2012 Jones County Junior College Bobcat baseball team. Photos by Ryan Phillips



McKinney attempts a shot against Itawamba. Photo by Ryan Phillips

Lady Bobcats start season off right

Chelsea Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Having the most successful fast-pitch season in history in 2011, the Lady Bobcats hope to make it just as far and even further this season. With head coach Chris Robinson's outlook on the season, he thinks the Lady Bobcats will do very well and be successful with the mixture of players on the team. Coach Robinson feels like all of his players are on the same level this season.

"Many of the sophomores have stepped up and taken leadership this season," said Robinson.

Some tough competitors this season will be ECCC, Pearl River and Gulf Coast, but if the Lady Bobcats "show up and are ready" as Coach Robinson said, he believes they can do it. Coach Robinson does many things to keep the team focused and motivated other than just practice.

"It's hard, but they can do it,"

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Above, from left to right, assistant coach Bob Herrington, head coach Chris Robinson and assistant coach Brittney Pigott. Below, the 2012 JCJC Lady Bobcat softball team. Photos by Ryan Phillips

McKinney leads the Lady Bobcats

Murphy Matthews
STAFF WRITER

With a squad anxiously waiting for the chance to play in another state championship, the Lady Bobcat basketball team has become reliant on freshman guard Kasey McKinney to help lead them there.

McKinney, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, brought much-needed experience to the point guard position this year. As an athlete at Pinson Valley High School, she was team captain for three years. Also, she was voted All-Area and All-Tournament numerous times.

In addition to her role as a star basketball player, she manages to star in academics as well. A math society member, McKinney plans to continue her education at the University of Alabama-Birmingham where she will pursue a degree in exercise science. McKinney knows that if she wants to achieve her goals in life, she will have to work as hard as she does in basketball.

As a member of the Lady Bobcat basketball team, she has experienced a great deal of playing time, with her earning the starting position frequently. Her teammates rave about her kind personality and positive attitude.

Teammate Lauren Douglas brags about McKinney's demeanor as a teammate and a friend.

"She is one of those genuinely nice people you just love to be around," said Douglas. "Her attitude is infectious on the court and off."

McKinney's fast-pace style of play and ability to play tough defense has allowed her to become invaluable to the team in countless ways.

Recruiting and the Jones atmosphere helped persuade McKinney to become a Lady Bobcat.

"Coach Johnson, the former JCJC assistant coach, found me and made Jones sound like the place to be," said McKinney. "And I wanted to continue my basketball career."

With the team working hard into the offseason, McKinney will be expected to maintain her role as a key player into the playoffs and the State tournament.

Pell Grant

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any money that remains from a Pell Grant, usually via check.

The FAFSA is the key to obtaining money from a Pell Grant and must be completed by students who wish to earn it. The FAFSA asks students about their income, the income of their parents and expected income in the following year. Using this information, the U.S. Dept. of Education can determine how much to expect one's family to pay towards his or her education.

The Pell Grant has undergone changes since last year to stop any abuse and wasteful use of its money. The grant had been given to students for up to 18 semesters of college; however, the duration of the Pell Grant has been reduced from 18 to 12 semesters. Also, students who do not have a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent such as a G.E.D, or do not meet the home school requirements, and who first enroll in a program of study on or after July 1, 2012, will not be eligible to receive Title IV student aid.

Jennifer Suber, JCJC director for financial aid, said that the provision for allowing two Pell Grants in one award year (Year-Round Pell) has been revoked. For the 2011-2012 award year and subsequent award years, students will be ineligible to receive more than one Pell Grant in an award year. This will impact some students who enroll for the summer semester. Students who have questions about their financial aid eligibility and the types of aid available for the summer semester should contact the JCJC Financial Aid Office.

Along with the limitation of just one Pell Grant for students, Tax returns (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) will no longer be accepted for verification. When completing the FAFSA, students and parents should use the IRS Data Retrieval tool. If the students are selected for verification and the IRS Data Retrieval tool is not used, an IRS Tax Transcript must be provided to the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid still plays an important role, and students should apply for it as soon as possible.

"I encourage students to apply for financial aid and meet the college priority deadline, especially due to the current verification changes, which may delay the awarding of financial aid," said Suber.

Any questions on Financial Aid at JCJC may be taken to the Financial Aid Office located in the Hubbard Administration building. The Financial Aid office may also be reached at 601-477-4043.

Gingrich

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shuffle towards making things different. As a whole, congress has an approval rating of 10 percent, but the individual congressmen and congresswomen have vastly higher approval ratings.

The results of the republican nomination shall alter the outcome of America's next four years and whether or not we shall have the moon base Newt Gingrich promised. Granted, a moon base would be one of the coolest things humans have ever seen, regardless of its hypothetical uselessness. I hope the next four years hold a significant lack of the arrogant pampers baby known as Newt Gingrich.

Recycling

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tenants," said Youngblood. "It is our responsibility to take care of it and leave it in better shape than we found it."

As a young man I was taught the principle that we are indebted to those who came before us, and obligated to those who will follow. We owe every well-worn path and device or practice that makes our lives easier to our predecessors, and we are equally obligated to those that will follow us: our children, and their children. The condition in which we leave the planet is the condition that they will live in.

With these examples it should be easy for anyone to understand the importance of recycling. The next step will be to start doing it. So stay conscious about whether the things you throw away are really garbage or not, and if not then look around for a recycle bin, even if you have to carry it a little ways to find one. Remember, it isn't trash anyway and needs to be reused, so put it where it will be collected and put to use again.

Recycling will ultimately help us in every way, saving us money, creating jobs, improving the economy, preserving the environment for future generations, and insuring we always have enough materials to supply our needs. In the past I have said that recycling has become more of a necessity than a luxury, and I believe now you can understand why. So please, recycle, and thank you for all your help.

Apathy

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are now subject to political correctness. An example of this would be the section on the Holocaust and how that section has declined steadily from having almost a chapter dedicated to it until today when it has barely more than a sentence. The overall difference in schooling between then and now is a subject all its own.

In closing, education at every level of society is in need of revitalization. When colorful language trumps logic, the existence of a problem is laid bare. Nowadays, our social laziness is so profound that even our opinions are provided for us in many cases as if to spite our uninformed state. The result is a public speaking eloquently about issues for which we have no comprehension, which becomes swiftly apparent when we converse long enough about it and revert to the old fashioned "he said, she said" routine and devolve into arguments over sources of opinion. With the internet readily available to most citizens, and the same sources that are available for college research papers being accessible to everyone, it seems very odd that such an epidemic would exist. The cure is simple. Thomas Jefferson gave it to us when he said, "Question with boldness even the very existence of a God, for if there be one surely he must prefer the homage of reason to that of blind-folded fear."

Bakery

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been baking since I was born. We use my grandma's secret recipes for all of our yellow battered cupcakes and cakes."

Being from New Orleans, HillStreet Bakery's King Cake is authentically delicious (minus the hazard of a baby inside). HillStreet Bakery makes cakes for any occasion: wedding, birthday, anniversary, graduation, or just simply indulging in a sweet tooth.

Virgina Pearson, former JCJC nursing instructor, said, "I'm a sugar cookie girl, I know a good sugar cookie. I love HillStreet Bakery's! Plus, I'm buying these petit fours for [my family's] dessert. They're so wonderful."

"Eventually we'd like to transform the palette from just desserts to lunch specials as well, somewhat like a bistro. Healthy muffins, broccoli casseroles, tallerina (a traditional New Orleans dish), cornbread dressing, homemade breads and fountain drinks," said Parish. "We're aiming for a cheerful, soothing atmosphere. We plan on playing good, Christian music off Pandora, and getting a few sweet tables set up to relax in."

Sadie Mozingo, an aspiring JCJC student, said, "The prices are really amazing here. Less than a dollar for a cupcake? That's a college-friendly price!"

Hill Street Bakery will soon be accepting Bobcat Bucks as wel

The Bakery strives to be accessible for everyone, whether the order is a fishing-themed birthday cake or cream cheese pound cake for two.

Jared Firmin, son of owner, said, "HillStreet Bakery is changing the world. One cake at a time. Keep calm and eat a cupcake."

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Landrum

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opening act with her rendition of Linda McCartney's "Pipes of Peace." All the proceeds of the concert went to the Women and Cancer Fund. The "Let us in-Nashville" CD is available at all Brick and Mortar Outlets, on Amazon and iTunes.

Landrum has recently finished recording in the studio, and says she has big things planned for 2012.

Landrum says her biggest supporters are her family and friends.

"I absolutely could not do this without them. They keep me grounded, focused, and they always encourage me," said Landrum.

Landrum has sung at a variety of benefit concerts, met influential music artists and has recorded with well-known country music artists.

"It [my career] has been such an incredible experience; I'm dedicated to it! I wouldn't change anything for the world," said Landrum.

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Shoes

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specifically for toning, says the shoes may not be all they are cracked up to be.

"The EasyTones were never actually tested," said Miles Alexander, a biological science major at JCJC who works at Footlocker in Turtle Creek Mall in Hattiesburg. "Reebok just claimed to have tested them."

In an attempt to save face a Reebok spokesman stated, "Settling does not mean we agree with the FTC's allegations." This implies Reebok has research in the works that proves the toning shoes claims of "11% improved muscle tone in the calves and hamstrings, and 28% in the buttocks." Reebok has had well over two years to collect evidence to support the claims.

First and foremost Reebok's claim that its shoe tones any muscle at all appears to be unfounded. As well as not having any scientific proof to substantiate the claim it states on Reebok's own website that "no weight loss was actually found." Instead the research found a reduction in body fat. While the knowledge that walking around in toning shoes lowers your body fat, this was beside the point for many who purchased the shoe who were after visible results.

The scope of consumer's anger towards Reebok is such that the issue reached the courts. The Federal Trade Commission Ruled that Reebok's advertising for their "Toning shoes" was deceptive. Subsequently Reebok has been forced to pay around $25 million to refunds for disappointed customers.

Reebok's legal troubles do not end there, however. As well as allegations of deception by the FTC, Reebok is dealing with personal injury lawsuits from people who purchased their toning shoes. In order for a toning shoe to do its job, it must force the wearer to be constantly slightly off balance causing the muscles in the legs, buttocks and in some cases core to work harder.

The easiest and cheapest way for a shoe manufacturer to achieve this is to make the sole of the shoe curved. It is this curvature that causes many people to roll their ankles resulting in sprains.

Some people do not need to be forced in to being slightly off balance; however, as they do this themselves without toning shoes. Needless to say thousands of people have jumped on the opportunity to make more than their money back on their shoes.

Washington

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about the nation's capital, the students were given the chance to meet with congressmen and lobbyists.

"We were able to ask questions and learn about a side of Washington D.C. that the average tourist would not be able to experience," said sophomore Jamie Allen. "We even learned what a lobbyist does and the backgrounds of our senators."

Congressman Greg Harper gave a personal tour to the students around the Capitol. He enlightened them on the process of Congress and a bit about our nation's history. While on the tour in the Capitol, the students were also allowed to see the hallowed ground where "The State of the Union" addresses are made.

"I loved meeting our representatives and being able to go to the Capitol," said Foreman.

Perhaps the most surprising experience was the diverse people who work on Capitol Hill. Dr. Jones encouraged students to attend the trip for this very reason.

"I was able to see people from almost every walk of life and from many different majors come together and use their diversity in ways I would have never imagined were possible in politics," said Allen.

One visit to a certain memorial came at a special time in history. The memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King was almost finished when the students visited.

"One memorable experience on this trip was my visit to the King memorial. This was special because I was there along with several crowds to celebrate his birthday and this was really the first year the new memorial was open for his birthday," said Jones.

Sophomore Brittany Bounds also enjoyed the trip around the nation's capital. She gained a brand-new perspective into her nation's history.

"My favorite part would have to be either taking the tour of the Capitol or taking the night tour of the monuments," said Bounds. "Both were so inspiring and full of history, and they are something I would definitely do again."

The once-in-a-lifetime meetings with some of Mississippi's leaders, a special hands-on tour of the Capitol building, and visits to the famous sites around Washington D.C. made the trip not only educational but also incredibly special.

History

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another people."

Bridges said that people should participate and attempt to make a difference no matter how small. He shared the words, "Do not be selfish" and quoted the Bible: "Greatness is seen in those who are willing to become the servant of others."

He said that all people should have someone else to guide and direct them, someone to whom they can both give and receive advice. He also encouraged students to avoid "those who continue to bring trouble into your life." Bridges quotes his father by saying "If a dog bites you one time, it's the dogs fault, but if you let the dog bite you twice, it's your fault."

Bridges explained that In order to be truly remarkable and inspire greatness, one should live in a manner that gives both respect to that individual and his fellow man.

The final point of the presentation began with a challenge: have some things in one's life that he or she will do. "I've decided to do what I can, how I can, when I can," Bridges said.

After Bridge's conclusion, Dr. Jones presented Bridges with a copy of his first book, "The Man I Never Knew." Jones said that he looks up to Bridges and closed the event by saying "Greatness is all around us, we just have to find it."

Bridges said that the main point of the program was to encourage people today, especially young people, to work together and strive to change their community for the better.

Cortez Smith, student ambassador and greeter at the event, said he both enjoyed and felt inspired by the Black History program.

"My favorite part of the program was when Reverend Bridges was getting it going," Smith said. "We need to learn from others around us and figure out what we do need to do and what we don't need to do."

Bridges, who attended Tougaloo College and Southeastern Baptist College, has preached at Springhill Baptist Church for 26 years. His book, "Building the Black Church – 7 Curses Facing the Black Church" gives some of the insights of the Reverend as to why the Black Church continually falls short in terms of growth in comparison to the Black community. The book is available for sale both in a paperback and digital copy.

Health

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posters dedicated to the South Central Regional Medical Center's Sleep Center. The SCRMC's Sleep Center monitors patients with sleep apnea, insomnia and a wide range of parasomnias.

Representatives of Jones County Junior College's health services clinic were there to inform students of the services available on campus. The campus clinic is open from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic is free to students, treats acute illnesses like the flu or a cold, performs sports physicals, and can even provide some maternity services for expecting mothers. Vicki Hampton FNP and Kristen Register EMTP can be reached at the clinic's phone number: 601-477-4104.

With the rising rates of obesity, alcohol related deaths, and poor general health among America's youth, a college health fair is a great way for students to become informed and educated about serious health issues they currently face or could potentially face in the not-so-distant future.

"When you're young," said event coordinator Cynthia Bush, "You have the opportunity to change your lifestyle before they [doctors] just start prescribing you the next pill."

Staying active, taking the necessary precautions and following preventative measures are the best ways to stay healthy in modern America. The JCJC health fair provided that information, getting students on the right track early in life.

Speakers

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Success Center is here for, to help achieve an overall sense of wellness – mentally and physically," explained Williams Though April ends NTSA workshops for the spring, Andy Dial will host the NTSA scholarship presentations. For more information about NTSA scholarships or workshops, contact Williams at 601-477-5442.

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Voices

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witnessing basic Mississippi government, I have been privileged to have conversations with legislators. The whole experience has taught me how much pressure lies on the shoulders of legislators who are regular people just like me. I've learned to respect politicians more."

Jones has eight student VOICES delegates, Lashawn Johnson, DePaul Foxworth, Scott Carter, Kimberly Ainsworth, Jeremy Fuller, Tyler Boyles, Jordy White and George. These students were selected to participate by Jones faculty and advisors. They spent time with JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith and their sponsors, Caren Griffin and Marlo Dorsey, discussing issues they feel are important to JCJC before meeting with delegates from the other community and junior colleges.

"This group is really a student voice for Jones," said Griffin.

This year's student VOICES are focusing and working together with their sponsors to lobby for mid-level funding for all Mississippi community and junior colleges. Passed by the Legislature in 2007, Mid-Level Funding is Mississippi's pledge to provide per FTE community college student funding that is midway between the per student state funding for K-12 and regional public universities. This funding would provide fair state support for community colleges, ensuring their ability to keep tuition costs low as well as meet the needs of today's students.

"As part of a group lobbying for mid-level funding for Mississippi community colleges, I would love to see JCJC's funding increase enough to give our beloved faculty a well-deserved raise!" said George.

The combined student VOICES group traveled to Jackson Jan. 24 to attend the legislative community college luncheon, where they became better acquainted with each other and some of the desires of the other colleges. The group, along with faculty members, will make another trip to Jackson March 20 for Capitol Day. There, they will present their funding request at a press conference.

The student VOICES program will be open to other Jones students in the future who are interested in having a voice in government. Those who are interested should contact Caren Griffin through e-mail caren.griffin@jcjc.edu.

JCJC Student Voices are pictured with guests at a recent legislative appreciation luncheon. Left to right, Student Voices members Jordy White, Scott Carter, DePaul Foxworth, Kristin George, advisor Caren Griffin, Rep. Bobby Shows, Jeremy Fuller, Kim Ainsworth, David Tyler Bowls, LaShawn Johnson, Jones singers Edward Corley Jr. and Latisha Hamilton and JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith.

Shop

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the owners of {Click} & Twelve Oaks, we have made a commitment to downtown Hattiesburg. In turn we have chosen to live downtown. We eat where our customers eat; we go out where our customers go out. Our store's neighborhood is our neighborhood. As a company we host different events throughout the year to enhance downtown life & culture - such as classic movie nights at the Saenger Theater or block parties in the streets.

On Feb 24, {Click} snapped complimentary pictures of the best Ingrid and Humphrey outfits for the showing of Casablanca at the Saenger Theater. Other movies hosted by {Click} at the Saenger will be posted on their website or through the City Slicker email.

Neighboring {Click} is Twelve Oaks Accessory Garden, also co-owned by Myrick and Viere. Like {Click}, Twelve Oaks is filled with an assortment of versatile pieces for any occasion. Twelve Oaks suggests to "escape with your best friends: shoes, handbags and fine accessories."

While {Click} is bright and colorful, with a retro city feel, Twelve Oaks is muted, textural and natural.

"The {Click} shop was designed to feel like a 1960s New York apartment. Twelve Oaks was designed to feel like a spa or a retreat from the 'city life' at {Click}," said Viere.

Twelve Oaks carries accessories starting at $3 up to Kate Spade handbags that exceed $350—the median of prices is around $45. The prices might be a bit intimidating for a girl on a slim budget, but {Click} is for everyone. Viere suggested, "Give downtown Hattiesburg a try, you'll be hooked before you know it."

In the upcoming months, look out for the busy-bee {Click}'s brilliant spring line, new website, and quite a few events to make you dash downtown. Discover more detail on {Click} Boutique and Gallery's Facebook and Twitter! Feel free to catwalk into the shop.

Perkins

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Alabama, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Arkansas State University.

JCJC is pleased to welcome Coach Ray Perkins to the Bobcat family.

"I want to help my players to be the best they can be as individuals," said Perkins "and by doing this we will have the chance to compete and strive to win a championship."

Look for 2012 football to be an exciting season.

Turner

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and to encourage food donors to give healthy, whole foods to those in need," said Turner.

There will be a food drive held at Quitman High School on April 26 called "Harmonizing for Hunger." The event, organized by Turner's high school choir teacher Robby Daniels, will host a free choral concert where guests are strongly encouraged to bring nonperishable food donations in order to help the local community.

As a highly experienced pageant contestant, Turner has the potential and poise to go all the way to Miss America.

Cook

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On Stage auditions but did not officially meet until August when school started and Jones On Stage began. At the time, Cook was in a relationship from high school, but when that relationship ended Strickland and she became best friends. On September 22, 2010, they went on an official date. That night they made it official via Facebook that they were together. On October 22, 2011, Strickland proposed to Cook. At the moment, their wedding date is set for September 27, 2014. They are both vocal music education majors, and both plan on enrolling in USM's music department.

"Even before Matt and I met, I would watch the New York version of Say Yes to the Dress all the time. Then they started the one in Atlanta. Every girl dreams of being on the show, and of course I was one of those girls," said Cook. "It was a very different experience for me. In the beginning it was sort of awkward having four cameras and some 20 people watching my every move, but later in the appointment, things started to feel more comfortable."

The filming took place between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Februray 10, 2012. It was a long process because Cook took 10 people. Cook took her mother, grandmother, two sisters and cousins, and future in-laws with her to make the selection of her dress. She picked out two dresses while her mother picked one. The rest of her family chose one dress each; however, Cook only ended up trying on four dresses, but ended up Saying YES to the Dress.

The air time for the episode has yet to be determined, but it will run in 2013.

Baseball

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head coach at Jones, posting a remarkable 120-45 record. Chris Kirtland enters his fourth season as assistant coach, and Eric Patten is entering his first. Coach Ostrander and his staff have the team poised for another successful campaign.

"The expectations for every season are always the same," said Coach Ostrander. "It's like any other year; we take it one game at a time. Of course we want to win our third straight south division, our region, and one again reach the World Series."

The 2012 season will exclude several graduates of the World Series team; however, Coach Ostrander believes many key players are returning.

"Chad Guice (OF), Zach Allen (2B), Vito Perna (RHP), Logan Riddell (RHP) and Chase Stewart (LHP) are some of our returning veterans, but our freshmen must be ready to step in and deliver," said Ostrander.

Benji Sullivan (INF), Brady McBride (LHP/1B), and Tyler Sullivan (RHP) are some of the new faces on the team. The excitement of the new season has the Bobcats dreaming of a one-way trip back to Enid, Oklahoma. The dedication and determination will display a journey of great proportion. In a world where winners are forever cherished, a champion is forever unforgettable.

Former college football coach Homer Rice said it best: "You can motivate by fear and you can motivate by reward, but both those methods are only temporary. The only lasting thing is self-motivation."

Softball

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said Robinson.

The Lady Bobcats' success and seeing them become better and stronger is what keeps Robinson motivated, and they have already done that by starting off the season right. Returning player Haley Brooke Smith also feels their season is starting off great. She thinks they have a lot more talent than last year, and if they put it all together they should go really far.

"Our team chemistry is amazing; everyone gets along and supports one another. It's a sisterhood," said Smith.

The Lady Bobcats shut out Marion twice Feb. 11. Not long after that, they beat the Itawamba Lady Indians 2-1 and then 3-0 on Feb. 15. The girls played their first "Pink out the Park" game this season and came out on top beating Delta State twice 11-0 and 8-0. They are 9-1 and now ranked number 10. Coach Robinson's standards for the team as a whole this season is to become the first ever fast-pitch state champions in JCJC history.

Their next games are March 6 at Baton Rouge and March 9 at East Central.

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ecoBobcats invite community to participate in Earth Week events

Help the planet and mankind by participating in the JCJC ecoBobcats' Earth Week events.

The ecoBobcats are celebrating Earth Week, which is April 16-22, by inviting students and the community to participate in two events: a oneSHIRT clothing challenge and a community wide recycling day.

The oneSHIRT campaign, sponsored by SustainU, is a national competition among colleges. Students are asked to collect clothing from the community and donate it to a local charity. The purpose of the challenge is to help people understand the good in reusing and repurposing textiles.

The ecoBobcats will have a large box located in the lobby of the Student Center from March 19 until April 20. Students are asked to donate any gently used clothing to the cause. Volunteers from the ecoBobcats will also go into the community to collect clothing.

The second event is a community wide recycling day, which is slated for Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the JCJC campus. Members of the surrounding counties are invited to bring their paper, newspapers, cardboard, plastic bottles, soda cans, ink cartridges, magazines, phone books and CDs/DVDs to be recycled.

For questions about the events, contact ecoBobcat advisor Kelly Atwood at 601-477-4084 or email kelly.atwood@jcjc.edu. The public is invited to join JCJC's facebook page for this event by searching for One Shirt National Collegiate Clothing Challenge.

Random weather affects fashion choices

Nikki Smith
STAFF WRITER

All students at Jones share one common problem when getting ready: how to dress for this crazy Mississippi weather.

Even though it is February, temperatures that alternate between blustery cold and humid hot leave everyone guessing what to wear. Each day calls for clothes that come from completely different wardrobes.

So the question is, what exactly does one wear on days like these? "I often opt for clothes that normally would not go together if it was not for this weather. Many days I wear Nike shorts and Uggs just because it is comfortable," said JCJC student Shana Roberts.

On those especially cold days students can be seen wearing layers upon layers of clothes to keep warm as they make a mad dash for their next class.

JCJC ladies are usually seen with cute scarves, pea coats and Uggs. Sweater dresses and leggings have also made an appearance on campus as students brave the cold for class.

The guys have taken a more casual approach. Much of the guy population at JCJC can be seen wearing sweat pants and hoodies.

Those annoying rainy days are also a factor in what students wear. The rainy weather has established a major trend among JCJC students: rain boots and Nike shorts. Unlike Uggs, rain boots repel water and keep students dry as they trudge through mud puddles on their way.

"On most rainy days, I wear a hat, my rain boots and either shorts or jeans depending on the temperature," said Emily Brownlee, a freshman at JCJC.

"It's really difficult to decide what to wear on an average day in Mississippi, but rainy days are pretty simple."

Grammys

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their cover of Queen's "Stone Cold Crazy," and the self- titled "Black" album.

Over the years the separation of the categories has proven to be a good decision with some rightful awards given on some occasions, such as the 2002 award to Tool for their performance of "Schism," and the 2010 award to Judas Priest's live rendition of "Dissident Aggressor," with many worthy artists being nominated over the decades as well.

However, this year, The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) have made a massive category cut, scrapping or combining over 30 categories. This "streamlining" of the ceremony included once again combining the genres of hard rock and heavy metal.

The nominees for this years "Best Hard Rock/Heavy Metal Performance" were "White Limo," by Foo Fighters; "Public Enemy No.1," by Megadeth; "On the Backs of Angels," by Dream Theater; "Curl of the Burl," by Mastodon and "Blood in My Eyes," by Sum 41.

Only three of the nominees were actual metal artists with Foo Fighters being more of an alternative rock band and Sum 41 being one of the last remaining mainstream pop/punk acts. The award was given to Foo Fighters who had also just won "Best Rock Performance" and "Best Rock Album."

If the NARAS actually adhered to their statement to "honor artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry, without regard to album sales or chart positions," then the award may have been given to someone else, with Dream Theater being the prime example of all the aforementioned criteria, and while preference can be argued infinitely, the achievement, technical proficiency and excellence of the master prog-metallers simply cannot be denied.

There were also many artists making a stir within the genre that were more worthy for a nomination. Machine Head's "Unto the Locust" was voted album of the year in several music publications, and Lamb of God's long awaited "Resolution" charted at number one on the Billboard 200. Not to mention the many others that could have easily represented the genre independently.

It could be theorized that this combining of genres, and the possibly questionable award, mark a waning in the popularity of metal in the coming years following the swell in its popularity beginning in the mid 2000's. It could also simply re-affirm that the academy has its fingers nowhere near the pulse of the music world.

Whatever it means, one important question remains unanswered. If the combined category did not work in 1989, why would it work now? This evokes perhaps an even more disturbing question in the metal world.

After the controversial award to Jethro Tull in 1989, an outbreak of critical and popular criticism led to the separation of the genres. The people voiced their discontent, and it was duly noted. But why is it this time no one really seems to care? Perhaps metal is again going to make its cyclical retreat to the obscurity of the underground, just as it did in the 1990s with the rise of grunge. Perhaps it is to fade and remain relevant to only the truest fans, and return to prominence sometime in the near future, as something that no award ceremony, or supposed musical authority can deny.

Book

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and reactions. If she makes a wrong move she may lose her sponsors who are helping her in this battle. The sponsors want to see what will keep the people watching and love in the arena is the perfect thing to get the ratings up.

This nail biter will keep the reader guessing who will live and if Katniss will have to kill Peeta. The story's twists take the reader on an unimaginable adventure of suspense. The adrenaline addiction is overwhelming.

In the adventure and action the romance is an unexpected curve ball, but a good turn of events nonetheless. Throughout the novel there is not one moment where I thought 'this is boring'. The story line is constantly growing into what was the perfect exit for the first novel and entrance into the second.

This book has brought together people of all age groups to express their own love and relation to this book. The Hunger Games is a must read bestseller. Before it is said that it blows Twilight out of the water, let me correct you. Twilight does not even begin to rank in the same category of The Hunger Games. It is fun to imagine that maybe this will be the future of North America and one day Katniss Everdeen will alter the world of so many people watching the Hunger Games.

This compelling, riveting, eye-opening novel is a must read for those of all ages who are interested in any type of adventure and/or romance. So do not let the low reading level stop you, this book is worth the time and money.

If the movie, coming to theaters March 23, can even begin to portray the ground breaking events that take place in this novel, it may be up there with Harry Potter and could easily surpass Mr. Potter.

"May the odds be ever in your favor!" - Effie Trinket

Body Art

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day they can look on it and say at least they had the guts to do it because let's face it they hurt like heck," stated Thompson.

"People might not regret them when they are younger, but I believe they will when they get older and realize they got a, 'fad' tattoo instead of something meaningful," said Beasley.

When a person is trying to decide whether or not they want a tattoo, they should always consider if it should have meaning behind it. If they decide it will have meaning they hopefully will not regret it in the long run.

Exorcisms

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theme continued to be released. However, it was not until Sept. 9, 2005, that fans of the horror movie genre would see another film based on a real exorcism.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose is loosely based on the story of Anneliese Michel and the agnostic defense lawyer who represented the priest that was accused of negligent homicide after performing an exorcism on Michel. Though the film brought possession back into the public eye, it would not be long before another style of film would put a new spin on it.

After its 1999 release, the documentary style film The Blair Witch Project opened

doors for many future movies of the same nature. One film is The Last Exorcism. The story shows us the point of view of a minister who decides to film a documentary about his last exorcism. After its world premiere on June 24, 2010, the film was later screened on Aug. 30, 2010 at the Film4 FrightFest.

The latest installment in the long line of exorcism films is The Devil Inside. Released on Jan. 6, it is about a young woman who witnesses a series of exorcisms while on the journey to find out what happened to her mother, Maria Rossi, who, in 1989, committed a triple murder during an exorcism being performed on her.

Why does Hollywood have such a fascination with the idea of exorcisms and possession? Is it because we believe that demonic possession can really happen? Or, is it because we love to be scared? Perhaps we will never really know.

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